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OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS

OF THE

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY,

FOR THE

YEARS 1879 AND 1880.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS

—OF—

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

To the Hon. Henry M. Mathews,

Governor of the State of West Virginia:

The Board of Regents of West Virginia University have the honor to submit the following report of the condition and progress of the University for the scholastic years of 1878–9 and 1879–80:

The reports of the President of the University, of the Executive Committee, and of the Treasurer, for the years 1879 and 1880, made to the Board of Regents, are herewith filed, as parts of this report, and to which reference is made for a minute exposition of the receipts, disbursements and operations of the University for the period covered by this report. We are very much gratified at the continually increasing prosperity of the University, and express the hope that in the near future it will receive the support and patronage of the people of West Virginia which it so justly deserves. The Board have not fully adopted the "University Plan" in this institution, as it was thought that under existing circumstances the "Collegiate Plan" would much better answer the demands of the educational interests of the people of our State. It is a fact very much to be regretted, that there are so few preparatory schools within our State. Young men desiring a collegiate education have no means in their own locality of preparing themselves for the studies properly belonging to the collegiate course, and consequently would be debarred the privilege of obtaining a higher education, or forced to go to institutions of learning in other States, were it not for the fact that the Board of Regents have established a preparatory school in connection with the University. The Board cherish the hope that enterprising citizens in each county of the State will establish schools

of higher grade, and thoroughly prepare their sons at home to enter the college classes, and thereby relieve the University of the necessity of continuing its preparatory school. There are at present, in all departments of the University, one hundred and twenty-nine students, representing some twenty-five or thirty counties of the State. There are sixty-four students in the preparatory department, among whom are a large number of cadets, appointed from all parts of the State. The earnest and zealous enthusiasm manifested in their studies by the present classes of the University has never been excelled in its history. The Cadet Corps has never been in a more flourishing condition than at the present time; the number of cadets is the largest in the history of the University. The drill is thorough and exact.

The wisdom of the Board in establishing the chairs of "Law and Equity" and of "Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" has been so satisfactorily attested by the results of the instruction given in these departments that these chairs have been continued. It is hoped that the Legislature will, in the near future, feel convinced of the necessity of providing for the establishment of fully organized schools of "Law" and "Medicine," so that the young men of our State will not be obliged to go beyond its limits to be graduated in their profession. Throughout the mountains of West Virginia are young men whom a beneficent creator has endowed with superior intellect; young men who have grown up breathing the pure air of freedom, and surrounded by the grandeur and glories of nature, dreaming of the hidden wealth all around them awaiting a discoverer, earnestly longing to *do something* and *be something;* yet, because of the want of proper training, they are unable to master the forces and solve the great problem of life. In sheer desperation they gather together their scanty means and fly to institutions of learning in other States to secure that training and qualification which their own State denies, with the fond hope of soon returning and compelling their dormant hills and forests to awake from their long sleep, and bless the thousands who are now reposing in our valleys, Micawber-like, "waiting for something to turn up." Very frequently these young men make new acquaintances and become subject to new attractions, locate in other States, and are lost to us. West Virginia needs these men, and every one she loses is a serious hindrance to her development and prosperity. If we can secure their services by providing for them the means of a liberal education, we are satisfied that their scientific labors would repay to the community in which they live, and to the State, a hundred fold the expenses of such education.

The Board of Regents very much regret to announce the loss to the University and to the State of the services of Professor William M. Fontaine, who has so ably filled the chair of "Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics." Prof. Fontaine, while a member of the Faculty of the University, so distinguished himself by his scholarly attainments as to attract the attention of the board of visitors of his *alma mater*, who appointed him to a professorship in the University of Virginia. The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. Fontaine has been filled by the election of Professor W. Latham, of Charleston, West Virginia.

The Board of Regents have been unable to secure any further detail of an officer of the army of the United States as Professor of Military Tactics; and since our last report there have been two changes made in that chair. Major Thomas F. Snyder, a very efficient officer, resigned in June, 1879, and the vacancy was filled by the election of W. O. Ison, a graduate of the University, who resigned, in June, 1880, and the vocancy was again filled by the election of James M. Lee, of Hancock county, West Virginia, who is also a graduate of the University.

After a careful examination of the reports of the President and Executive Committee, and a thorough investigation into the management and necessities of the University, the Board of Regents submit the following statement of appropriations required to continue the University for the year ending September 30th, 1881, with the assurance that all estimates have been reduced to the lowest figures consistent with the successful and efficient working of the various departments:

For salaries of teachers		$16,000 00
For current and contingent expenses		4,000 00
For insurance		600 00
For Regents' expenses		600 00
For library		2,500 00
For repairs, improvements and construction		1,000 00
For apparatus (mathematical, chemical and astronomical)		875 00
For wall charts for natural history		150 00
For furniture		250 00
For deficiency		1,025 70
		$27 000 70
Less income from Endowment Fund	$6,469 21	
Tuition fees	1,800 00	
Total	$8,269 21	$18,731 49

APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1882.

For salaries of teachers		$16,000 00
For current and contingent expenses		4,000 00
For insurance		600 00
For Regents' expenses		600 00
For library		2,500 00
For repairs and improvements		500 00
		$24,200 00
Less income from endowment	$6,469 21	
Tuition fees	1,800 00	
Total	$8,269 21	$16,930 79

The appropriation of $2,500.00 per annum for the library is earnestly desired by the Board, as it is absolutely necessary to bring the library up to the standard required by this progressive age. If men would be useful they must know the *past* and live in the *present.* They must profit by the experience of the past and understand and appreciate the demands of the present, and to enable them to do this they must be furnished with books both old and new.

The appropriation of $875.00 asked for mathematical, chemical and astronomical apparatuses is one of absolute necessity. The Legislature at its last session passed an act requiring the Professor of Chemistry

to analyze such fertilizers as should be delivered to him for that purpose by citizens of this State, but failed to make any appropriation therefor, and the Professor being left without the means was unable to make any analysis whatever. Eight hundred dollars of the above sum is needed for this purpose.

The Board would also earnestly recommend that an annual appropriation of at least $10,000.00 be made to the Endowment Fund of the University, to be so guarded that the interest arising therefrom cannot be diverted from its proper purpose and application.

The Board of Regents would most respectfully call the attention of the Legislature to some of the provisions of chapter 23 of the Acts of the Legislature passed on the 4th day of March, 1879, which we consider very detrimental to the public interests. Section 78 of said chapter requires as a condition precedent to the performance of certain duties therein imposed upon the Board of Regents, that "all the Regents shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of the Board of the time, place and object of any meeting proposed to be held for any of the purposes excepted in this section." At an annual meeting of the board, if a Professor should tender his resignation, or the interests of the University should demand the removal of a Professor, or a change in his compensation or a change in any rule or regulation adopted by a majority of the board, the board could not transact this business without the formal notice required, and if one of the Regents should not be in attendance, then an adjourned meeting would be necessary, causing great inconvenience to the Regents and great expense to the State, without any compensating benefit, and to the great detriment of the University. This law should be so modified as not to interfere with the transactions of the legitimate business of the Board of Regents.

We commend the University to the fostering care of the Legislature, believing it to be one of the most potent agencies which can be employed to secure the development of our young State, placing her in the front rank of the sisterhood of States, and promoting the happiness and prosperity of our people.

On behalf of the Board of Regents.

D. D. JOHNSON, *President.*

H. W. BROKK, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Regents of the West Virginia University:

The Executive Committee submit the following report for the period from June 24, 1878, the date of last report, to this date.

Receipts and disbursements on account of repairs and improvements have been as follows:

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

		Dr.	Cr.
1878.			
June 24,	By balance		$ 542 43
1879.			
April 25,	By draft on Auditor		500 00
June 2,	To disbursements to date	$579 20	
	Balance	463 23	
		$1,042 43	$1,042 43

This fund has heretofore been known as the "Repairs, Improvement and *Construction* Fund," but as the appropriation by the Legislature of last winter was exclusively for repairs and improvements, the balance to the credit of the former fund was carried to this new account. The small sum to the credit of this account will be further reduced by payment of accounts now due but not yet allowed or ordered paid, and the residue will be all the money available for repairs of every kind, until future appropriations shall be made, as the sum of $500, already drawn, is the sole appropriation made by the last Legislature for such purposes. This residue will be wholly insufficient for ordinary repairs that will be absolutely necessary, and compel the indefinite postponement of all the plans heretofore recommended for buildings, wall, fencing and other improvements.

FURNITURE FUND.

		Dr	Cr.
1878			
June 24,	To balance	$ 316 87	
1879.			
March 6,	By draft on Auditor		$1,000 00
June 2,	To disbursements to date	461 40	
	Balance	221 73	
		$1,000 00	$1,000 00

This fund will be exhausted when the expenditures now authorized and contracted shall be audited and paid. The amount asked for at the hands of the Legislature was reduced $800, and necessarily leaves the furnishing of the buildings incomplete. No appropriation to this fund was made for the next year. The report of the Superintendent will show how the expenditures were made, both from this fund, and on account of repairs and improvements.

INSURANCE FUND.

		Dr.	Cr.
1878.			
June 24,	By balance		$122 50
July 3,	By draft on Auditor		102 50
1879.			
March 15,	By draft on Auditor		297 50
April 25,	By draft on Auditor		360 00
June 2,	To insurance renewals and premiums	$656 25	
	Balance	166 25	
		$822 50	$822 5

This account is in a satisfactory condition. A balance of $300 remains to the credit of this fund in the State Treasury. Policies have been taken for a term of three years, and at a great reduction of rates. The total amount of insurance is $65,500, distributed as follows: On the old building, $30,000; on the new building, $30,000; on the Museum and Library, $3,000, and on the Armory $2,500.

REGENTS' EXPENSES FUND.

1878.		Dr.	Cr.
June 24,	To balance	$146 45	
July 3,	By draft on Auditor		$409 65
July 4,	To expenses of June meeting, 1878	263 20	
		$409 65	$409 65

The sum of $500 for Regents' expenses for the current year, and a like sum for the next year, were appropriated, and remain undrawn.

THE LIBRARY FUND.

1878.		Dr.	Cr.
June 24,	By balance		$189 93
1879.			
June 2,	To books purchased to date	$415 74	
	By two-thirds contingent fees for year 1878-79		235 89
	Balance	10 06	
		$425 80	$425 80

The sum of $500 was appropriated by the Legislature, and will be available next fall.

The committee would suggest that in lieu of transferring two-thirds of the contingent fees to this fund, that an application of a specific annual allowance for the library be made by a standing order of your body, thus simplifying the keeping of accounts and enabling the library committee to calculate with certainty upon the amount that may be expended in each year.

The Current and Contingent Expenses Fund, (in which have been included heretofore the appropriations *eo nomine*, income from endowment, and tuition fees, &c., and out of which have been paid all salaries, as well as other current and ascertainable expenses, and such as are contingent and uncertain, or incapable of being anticipated and estimated for with certainty) includes both the appropriations for "current and contingent expenses" and for "salaries of teachers," for the reason that it was impossible to ascertain what part of the balance of $1,044.39 of the old fund should be credited to each of the new accounts if separate accounts should be opened for each of them, as well as to ascertain what part of the income from endowment, tuition fees and miscellaneous sources should annually be credited to each. No objection to continuing a single account can justly be made upon the ground that it would be diverting either of the sums appropriated by the Legislature from the particular object intended, for the reason that the whole of the $3,000.00 appropriated for current and contingent expenses, and more, will be required to defray those expenses, exclusive of salaries of teachers, and very much more than the $8,500.00 appropriated for such salaries will be required to pay teachers—the deficiency being paid in both cases out of income from the other sources named. The legislative innovation in this respect seems to be unnecessary and inconvenient, and probably arose from an insufficient study of the reports of the University, and a want of knowledge of the fact that the income derived from the national land grant is to be appropriated to the "endowment, support and maintenance" of the University in all its departments of expenditure.

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE FUND, INCLUDING SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

		Dr.	Cr.
1878.			
June 24,	By balance		$1,044 39
1879.			
June 2,	By interest on endowment, to date		6,526 70
June 2,	By tuition fees		1,472 17
June 2,	By drafts on Auditor, current expenses		3,000 00
June 2,	By draft on Auditor, salaries of teachers		8,500 00
June 2,	By diploma fee		5 00
June 2,	By error in transfer of two-thirds contingent fee to library		70 00
June 2,	To salaries of all kind, to date	$16,193 33	
June 2,	To advertising accounts	862 82	
June 2,	To traveling expenses	134 10	
June 2,	To books for cadets	758 53	
June 2,	To miscellaneous accounts	852 30	
June 2,	To two-thirds contingent fees, transferred to library	235 87	
	Balance	1,581 31	
		$20,618 26	$20,618 26

The advertising accounts include items of last year's contracts, but the aggregate is greater than the results justify, and the committee are of opinion that a great saving can and should be made by reducing the number of advertisements and selecting the papers in which to insert the residue with greater care.

The cost of books for cadets has been increased by the action of the Legislature in increasing the number of cadets, but the above item includes $113.81, cost of stock of books in hands of book agent (Treasurer acting as such), not yet issued. The order of your body directing the committee to cause books to be furnished the pay students at cost, as well as books for cadets at cost to the State, was carried into effect by the committee, who imposed that duty upon the Treasurer, with his consent. The order has added greatly to the labors of that officer, more than he should be required to perform without compensation, but it has resulted in a saving of several hundred dollars for the current year. The total purchases amounted to nearly $1,300.

PAINTING TIN ROOFS FUND.

		Dr.	Cr.
1879.			
April 25,	By draft on Auditor		$200
May 28,	To account, material	$ 40	
	Balance	199 60	
		$200	$200

This fund arises out of an appropriation of $200 for the specific purpose of painting the tin roofs of the buildings, an item of expenditure properly belonging to the Repairs and Improvement Fund. A number of accounts not yet allowed will nearly exhaust this account.

Every possible effort to prevent the withdrawal of the officer of the United States Army, detailed by the Secretary of War as Professor of Military Science, and acting as Professor of Mathematics, was made by President Thompson, with the approval of the committee, but without avail. The committee recommend that the Regents officially request the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to have introduced, and urge the passage of, a joint resolution by Congress authorizing the increase of number of such details

to at least one for each State having a suitable University or College for employment of his services. This has been urged upon the attention of several of the members from this State unofficially, but as yet no action seems to have been taken.

Some time after your adjournment Hon. D. B. Lucas, who had been elected to the newly-established chair of Law and Equity, signified his inability to accept the same, and recommended the selection of Mr. St. George T. Brooke, of Jefferson county, in his place, coupling the recommendation with the assurance that, if Mr. Brooke was elected, he would add $500 to the salary appropriated by the Regents, and thus secure the services of Professor Brooke for two terms of the current year, instead of one only. The committee accepted the proposition of Mr. Lucas, and elected Professor Brooke, who has had charge of the studies of the new school during the winter and spring term. The committee do not understand Mr. Lucas' offer to extend beyond the year just closing, and the action of the committee was limited to the same time, and subject to your approval.

The department over which Professor Brooke presides has not been thronged with students, but this perhaps has not been his fault. Of the sufficiency of his attainments and professional knowledge the committee has had to rely upon testimonials and the characters of his lectures, and these seem to be satisfactory. It will take time and patience, even with a much older, more widely-known, and more experienced lawyer and professor to fully establish this department.

The department of Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene has been well attended, and has fully come up to every expectation both in number of pupils and character of work done.

It is hoped that the Regents will be able to see the way clear to continue these two important professional schools, until they shall become permanently established as parts of the University. Under no ordinary circumstances should they be abandoned, but greater economy in other directions should be exercised in order that they may be continued and ultimately enlarged to do the full work of such schools.

The committee recommend the reduction of the number of members of the committee from eight to five, as less difficult to get together, and so calculated to feel in a greater degree the responsibility devolved upon them, and also that the Secretary of your board be made *ex officio* Secretary of this committee, so that the records of the two bodies, so intimately related to each other, may be kept at the same place and easily accessible to each body, or their representatives.

The sum of $5,000, a part of the endowment, is invested in United States 5-20 gold bonds, which have been called in by the Secretary of the Treasury in the process of refunding, and on which interest will cease July 1st next. It will be necessary for the board to take some action to secure the reinvestment of this amount.

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

1879.		Dr.	Cr.
June 2,	By Current and Contingent Expense Fund		$1,581 31
June 2,	By Insurance Fund		166 25
	Carried forward		1,747 56

SUMMARY OF BALANCES—Continued.		Dr.	Cr.
	Brought forward		$1,747 56
	Regents' expenses, square		
June 2,	By Library Fund		10 06
June 2,	By Painting Tin Roofs Fund		199 60
June 2,	By Repairs and Improvement Fund		463 23
June 2,	By Furniture Fund		221 78
June 2,	By Endowment Fund		778 50
	Balance, aggregate	$3,420 68	
		$3,420 68	$3,420 68

The aggregate balance corresponds with the Treasurer's balance. The income from endowment fund due July 1, will be sufficient to pay the residue of all salaries due for the current year.

The heating arrangements in the new hall do not operate satisfactorily, being insufficient in capacity and emitting noxious gases and smoke, caused probably by insufficient draft. Authority to have same overhauled, and alterations made should be conferred by the board.

The books of accounts, records and vouchers of the committee are herewith submitted for your inspection.

By order of the Executive Committee.

GEO. C. STURGISS,
Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1879.

To the Honorable Board of Regents of West Virginia University:

GENTLEMEN:—The year just closing has been a prosperous one in the history of the University. By reference to page 17, of the Catalouge for the present year (a copy of which is herewith submitted), it will been that the number of students began to decline in the year 1872, that this decline continued until the year 1877, since which time a gratifying increase may be noted. The increase in numbers is accompanied by an increased devotion to study, as well as by a strong feeling of loyalty and affection for the University on the part of the students. It has been the constant and conscientious aim of the Faculty to impart solid and thorough instruction in the various branches of study committed to their charge, and it is believed that an examination of their work will reveal that their efforts in this direction have been attended with no small degree of success.

In my report for the year 1878, the attention of the board was directed to the importance of economy in the management of the Institution, and the reduction of expenses of students to the lowest possible amount. During the past year, the price of boarding has been materially reduced, both in clubs and private families. In consequence of the order of your honorable body one year ago that text books should be furnished to the students by the University authorities at cost, the bookseller of the University, Prof. A. W. Lorentz, reports that about $250 have been saved to the State, and about $150

to the students. No recent action of the board has been more deservedly popular with the students than this reduction in the cost of text-books. By an act of the Legislature at its last session, a saving of $900 per annum will be effected in the matter of salaries heretofore paid to the Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, the act providing that these officers shall hereafter consist of members of the University Faculty, who shall serve without extra compensation. In these two matters, a saving of $1,300 has been effected in a single year.

Since the last meeting of the board, valuable additions have been made to the University Library, both by donation and purchase, including a number of standard works in literature, science, biography and history. I have the honor to submit herewith a communication from Hon. J. M. Hagans, of Morgantown, accompanying his donation to the library of a map of the Monongahela river region in 1795.

The Legislature at its last session so amended the law governing the University as to authorize the appointment of five cadets from each Senatorial District in the State, thus increasing the number of cadets from thirty-six to sixty. It is provided also that not more than seven cadets shall be appointed from any one county. The interests of the University require that no one county shall receive more than this number.

By order of the Secretary of War, Lieutenant James M. Ingalls, of the United States Army, Professor of Mathematics and Military Tactics in the University, was recalled to his battery, shortly after the meeting of the board in June, 1878 All efforts to secure another detail have been unavailing. The duties of this chair have been discharged during the year by Major Thos. F. Snyder, of Kanawha county, who was employed temporarily by the Executive Committee. I recommend that action be taken by the board, urging our Senators and Representatives in Congress to introduce and labor for the passage of a joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States, to detail thirty-eight officers from the regular Army to teach Military Tactics in the Colleges of the country. The passage of such a resolution would effect an annual saving to the University of $900.

Shortly after the last annual meeting of the board, the Hon. D. B. Lucas having signified his declination of the professorship of Law and Equity, the Executive Committee, upon the proper recommendation, employed Mr. St. George Tucker Brooke, of Jefferson county, to fill the vacancy. Mr. Brooke is studious and scholarly, and his lectures during the year have demonstrated his adaptation and capacity for the professorship of law and equity.

The lectures of Dr. Brock, professor of anatomy, physiology and hygiene were deservedly popular, as they were highly instructive.

It is to be regretted that the Legislature at its last session did not make generous provision for the permanent establishment in the University of schools of law and medicine. In no other way could the rapid growth of the University be so effectually promoted. Professional schools are involved in the University idea, while they are demanded by every consideration of public policy. During the nine years preceding the establishment in the Michigan University of the schools of law and medicine, the number of students increased but

nineteen. In 1853 there were but seventy-two students attending that now famous school. Between 1853 and 1863 the schools of law and medicine were founded, and the number of students increased from seventy-two to more than five hundred. This large and rapid increase President Angell attributes to the founding and successful management of the schools of law and medicine. Similar gratifying results may be expected in West Virginia under similar conditions. It is my earnest desire that the beginning in this direction by the board at its last session shall be continued, and the professorships of law and medicine, if possible, placed on a permanent basis. Such action would greatly elevate the character of the school and rapidly increase the number of students. West Virginia would not then be in advance, but only fairly abreast of her sister States in the matter of educational progress.

The Faculty of the University unanimously request the Board of Regents to allow them to use their discretion as to making out the conduct marks of the students at the end of every month. The present practice is encumbered with serious difficulties, and sometimes, despite our care, works injustice.

The Faculty also respectfully request of the Board of Regents authority to give written credit to students on leaving the University, in the following cases: I. To those students in good standing who, having entered the regular University classes with the intention of graduating, are compelled to leave before completing their course, but have finished with credit, some study complete in itself. II. To those optional students in good standing, matriculates of the University, who have finished a similar study, and have attained an average mark of 9 or over. Authority is also desired to publish such credits in the catalogue, and to announce them publicly on commencement day.

Messrs. Geo. D Purinton and Wm. A. Rogers, having satisfactorily completed the studies of the Literary Department of the University, are, by a unanimous vote of the Faculty, recommended to receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts at your hands.

Mr. Spencer S. Wade, having satisfactorily completed the studies of the Scientific Department of the University, is by a unanimous vote of the Faculty, recommended to receive the degree of Bachelor of Science at your hands.

The Faculty also recommend for the Master's degree, the following members of the Class of 1876: For the degree of Master of Science, John C. Anderson, Harry D. Hubbard, George S Laidley, James Henry Nash and Thos. C. Ramage; for the degree of Master of Arts, Luke H. Frasher, Willey O. Ison and Daniel E. Wetzel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. THOMPSON,
President West Virginia University.

MORGANTOWN, *June* 5, 1879.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Regents of West Virginia University:

The Treasurer submits the following report of all moneys received and disbursed by him from all sources, and for every service performed for the year ending June 12th, 1879. The $5,000, 5-20 United States bonds, constituting a part of the endowment of the University, having been called in by the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption, it is necessary for your body to take some action in regard to the reinvestment of that sum.

Respectfully, A. W. LORENTZ, *Treasurer W. Va. University.*

A. W. LORENTZ, *Treasurer, in Account with the West Virginia University.*

DR. CR.

Date.		Amount.	Date.		Amount.
1878.			1879.		
June 27	To balance as per report	$ 2,214 43	June 12	By amount paid out on orders drawn by Executive Com.	$21,167 27
June 27	To cash from S S. Adams for diploma	5 00			
July 1	To interest on $103,000, currency 6s	3,090 00			
July 2	To interest on $5,000, 5-20 bonds	150 00			
July 9	To draft on Auditor (insurance)	102 50			
	To draft on Auditor (Regents' expenses)	409 65			
Oct. 1	To interest on $778 50 (part of endowment)	23 35			
Dec. 31	To interest on $103,000, U. S. currency 6s	3,090 00			
1879.					
Jan. 21	To interest on $5,000, 5-20 bonds	150 00			
	To draft on Auditor (current and contingent expenses)	6,000 00			
	To draft on Auditor (current and contingent expenses)	1,500 00			
	To draft on Auditor (furniture)	1,000 00			
Mar. 15	To draft on Auditor (insurance)	297 50			
April 1	To interest on $778 50 (part of endowment)	23 35			
April 26	To draft on Auditor (tin roof)	200 00			
	To draft on Auditor (insurance)	300 00			
	To draft on Auditor (repairs, &c.)	500 00			
	To draft on Auditor (current and contingent expenses)	1,500 00			
	To draft on Auditor (teachers salaries)	2,500 00			
	To tuition fees for the year ending June 12, 1879	1,472 17			
		$24,527 95		By balance	3,420 68
	To balance	$ 3,420 68			$24,527 95

MORGANTOWN, W. VA, June 5, 1880.

To the Board of Regents, West Virginia University:

GENTLEMEN: Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer, have examined his annual statement and vouchers, and find the same correct and entirely satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted, J. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Board of Regents of West Virginia University:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit to you my fourth annual report. I submit as part of that report a copy of the University catalogue for the current year, and also reports from the several Professors in charge of distinct departments of the University. The health of the several members of the Faculty has been such during the year as to enable them to give full time to the discharge of their duties. There duties have been discharged with commendable faithfulness and thoroughness. The high standard of scholarship hitherto maintained in the University has been elevated, rather than lowered.

The growth of the University is steady and gratifying. Twenty-four counties of the State have been represented during the year—probably the most general representation the State has ever had at the University. Six States besides West Virginia are represented, viz: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Illinois and Louisiana, and one Territory, Montana. It is believed that the benefits of the University could be made to reach a much larger number of the young men of our own and adjoining States by a liberal system of advertising. During the past year institutions of learning located in other States have spent as much money in advertising in this State as we have been permitted to spend in this and other States together. We need to employ the newspaper to make known to the public the really excellent facilities we possess for the education of youth.

The Preparatory Department, under the Principalship of Prof. Lorentz, is steadily growing in usefulness and popularity. The number of students upon its rolls for the present year is seventy, and everything indicates a larger attendance next year. The work done in this department is of the most thorough character, and deserves special commendation.

The attention of the Board is called to the fact that in many of our State Universities, no tution fee are charged to State students. My enquiries lead me to believe that this rule obtains in a majority of the State Universities in this country. It seems to me in the highest degree illogical for the State to tax her citizens for the maintenance of a University, and then charge the sons of their citizens from $20.00 to $30.00 per year for the enjoyment of the benefits of the University. The sons of the wealthy may regard this sum as a trifling one, but to many a poor boy, struggling to secure an education, thirty dollars each year is the difference between success and failure. West Virginia, will, in the end, be greatly enriched by assisting such struggling boys to avail themselves of the advantages afforded by the University.

During the past year, the Library has been increased by the purchase and donation of between three and four hundred volumes, including a number of very valuable works in History, Science and General Literature. The needs of the library require that a sum of not less than $2,500 per annum for the next few years be appropri-

ated for its enlargemnt. The work of the Librarian is as great as that of the Secretary of the Faculty, and I, therefore, recommend that he receive for his services the sum of $50 per annum, that being the amount now paid to the Secretary of the Faculty.

The needs of the various departments will be ascertained by referriug to the reports of the Professors severally presiding over the same. Prof. Lyon, to whom was assigned the subject of Physics after the resignation of Prof. Fontaine, recommended the purchase of electrical apparatus for that department. Prof. Purinton earnestly recommends the purchase of a new organ as necessary to the more complete success of the musical department. I concur in his suggestion that the study of Comparative Philology be added to the chair of Logic, and that the study of English Philology as a separate branch be discontinued. The Mathematical department is in possession of no platting instruments whatever, and is but inadequately supplied with dividers, surveyor's pins, drawing instruments and solid blocks. A few dollars could very profitably be expended in the purchase of these highly useful articles. Special attention is invited to the suggestions and recommendations contained in the report of Professor White. The department of Astronomy is in very urgent need of an horizon glass, for use in computing time by observations on the altitudes of heavenly bodies with the sextant. Such an instrument could be procured for $25. I fully agree with Professor White in statements concerning our need of wall charts to illustrate the various departments of Natural History. These wall charts illustrate to the eye the leading principles of the science to be taught, and it is the experience of all observing teachers that the pupil will comprehend and master a subject much more readily when his understanding is assisted by the aid of his eye. To purchase such a series of wall charts as we now need would require the expenditure of $150. In the department of Chemistry, our most urgent need is the establishment of a laboratory for Quantitative Analysis. At the last session of the Legislature, an act was passed making it the duty of the Chemist at the University to analyze, free of charge, for any person in the State, samples of any fertilizers which might be sent to him. It is impossible for us to comply with the requirements of this statute, without the expenditure of at least $800, for the establishment of a laboratory of Quantitative Analysis. For manifest reasons, such a laboratory is now greatly needed in the University.

During the year, the studies belonging to the chair of Chemistry and Physics, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Fontaine, have been temporarily distributed among the other Professors. The best interests of the University require that as soon as the funds are available this vacancy should be filled by a master in this department. Prof. Fontaine was an instructor of great ability, and under his care this chair had attained great popularity in the University. It is to be hoped that you may be successful in finding a teacher of equal ability and conscientiousness to succeed him.

The various financial reports will be placed before you by the proper officers. It is to be regretted, that the policy inaugurated by the Legislature in 1868, of placing the University upon a sound financial basis by gradually augmenting the permanent endowment

fund has been discontinued. The University should be relieved of the uncertainty of regularly-recurring applications for annual or biennial appropriations. Our present endowment fund should be increased from time to time by appropriations, to be securely invested, until a sum has been reached that will secure an income sufficiently large to enable the University to keep abreast of the educational progress of the age. By wise liberality now, the State may secure to its citizens in all future generations, the advantages of an education second to none in the land. I earnestly recommend that in the next report to the Legislature, through the Governor, the board may ask for liberal appropriations to the Endowment Fund of the University, as well as for its necessary current and contingent expenses.

In the internal management of the University, and in our personal contact with the students the members of the Faculty have sought to emphasize the truth that character is of more importance than scholarship. We have been assiduous in our efforts to train the young men committed to our care into habits of uprightness, veracity, purity and sobriety. We have realized that these young men come to us from homes of purity and religious faith, and that it is our duty to throw around them such safeguards as will protect them from idle and vicious companions. We have sought to instil into their minds sentiments appropriate to Christian youth, who are being educated in a Christian school for the responsibilities of life in a Christian nation. We have avoided all sectarian tenets, all peculiar theological dogmas, all ecclesiastical prejudices; but we have not ignored the distinction between right and wrong, or placed good and bad characters on a level. We can conceive of no education worthy of the name that ignores the usual nature of man, and we feel ourselves constrained by the most solemn obligations to do our utmost to establish our students in the ways of Christian purity and faith. We dare not scatter firebrands in society by sending forth from these halls young men with trained intellects and depraved hearts. A madman is less dangerous without a sword than with one.

Messrs. John Nelson Marsh, Geo. A. Perre, Jr., and Alonzo A. Waters having satisfactorily completed the studies of the Literary Department of the University, are by vote of the Faculty recommended to receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts at your hands.

Messrs. Charles E. Grafton and Bruce L. Keenan, having satisfactorily completed the studies of the Scientific Department of the University, are, by vote of the Faculty, recommended to receive the degree of Bachelor of Science at your hands.

The Faculty also recommend that Wm. G. Brown, Clarence B. Dille, Jos. H. Hawthorne, Thos. M. Hood, Dan'l R. Rogers, Everett C. Smith, Harry J. Snively, John L. Steele, and James S. Stewart, of the class of 1877, receive the Master's degree in course.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. THOMPSON,
President W. Va. University.

MORGANTOWN, June 4, 1880.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., June 3, 1880.

To the Board of Regents of the West Virginia University:

In pursuance of the following resolution, adopted by the Executive Committee, the undersigned appointed by the chairman of said committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be to make report to the Board of Regents of the West Virginia University of the amount of moneys belonging to the University at the beginning of this fiscal year, together with the respective amounts appropriated therefor by the Legislature of West Virginia and accruing from all other sources for the same period, and the amount thereof expended for the same time by order of the Executive Committee, and showing the amount unexpended and remaining subject to the orders of said committee. Said report shall also show the respective funds to which said money was appropriated and accrued, and the amounts drawn on each of said funds, and what still remains to their credit respectively.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

From June 2, 1879, to June 3, 1880.

1879.			
June 2,	By balance		$ 463 23
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursements to date	$ 463 23	
		$ 463 23	$ 463 23

FURNITURE FUND.

1879.			
June 2,	By balance		$ 221 73
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursements	$ 283 92	
	By overdraft		62 19
		$ 283 92	$ 283 92

INSURANCE FUND.

1879.			
June 2,	By balance		$ 166 25
" 27,	By draft on Auditor, balance of appropriation made March 6, 1879		300 00
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursements to date	345 00	
	To balance	121 25	
		$ 466 25	$ 466 25

REGENTS' EXPENSE FUND.

1879.			
June 27,	By draft on Auditor		$ 241 70
July 24,	" " "		168 99
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursments to date	410 69	
		$ 410 69	$ 410 69

Balance in State Treasury due from appropriation made March 6, 1879—For fiscal year ending September 30, 1879	$ 89 31
For fiscal year ending September 30, 1880	500 00

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE FUND,

Including Salaries of Teachers.

1879.			
June 2,	By balance		$1,581 31
1880.			
Feb. 19,	By tuition fees to date		739 79
" 19,	By interest on endowment to date		6,475 70
" 19,	By salary refunded (over paid)		100 00
" 19,	By drafts on Auditor, Act of March 6, 1879		6,000 00
" 19,	To salaries to date	$10,210 19	
" 19,	To advertising, year 1878-9	115 89	
" 19,	To advertising, year 1879-80	246 00	
" 19,	To R. C. Berkley, book agent	573 87	
" 19,	To miscellaneous accounts	836 33	
" 19,	To balance transferred by order of Executive Committee to credit of Teachers Salary Fund and C. and C. Fund divorced from Teachers Salary Fund	2,914 52	
		$14,896 80	$14,896 80

SALARY OF TEACHERS FUND.

1880.			
Feb. 19,	By balance from C. and C. Fund		$ 2,914 52
June 3,	By tuitions, third term		387 67
	By draft on Auditor		2,100 00
	By interest on endowment		82 10
	Salary of Teachers Fund brought forward		5,484 29
	By interest on Endowment Fund		6 53
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursements to date	$ 5,050 51	
	To balance	440 31	
		$ 5,490 82	$ 5,490 82

INTEREST ON ENDOWMENT AVAILABLE ABOUT JULY 6TH—WITH THE ABOVE BALANCE.

On 103.000 C. 6's		3,090 00
On 5,000 5-20		62 50
Balance		440 31
		$ 3,592 81
Balance salaries of teachers due with close of. year 1879-80	4,618 51	
Deficient at close of fiscal year 1879-80		1,025 70
	$ 4,618 51	$4,618 51

LIBRARY FUND.

1879.			
June 2,	By balance		10 06
1880.			
June 3,	By draft on Auditor		500 00
June 3,	By ⅔ contingent fees		210 99
June 3,	By fines collected		3 40
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursements to date	407 78	
June 3,	To balance	316 67	
		$724 45	$ 724 45

PAINTING TIN ROOF.

		Dr.	Cr.
1879.			
June 2,	By balance		$ 199 60
1880.			
June 3,	To disbursements to date	$ 75 85	
	To balance	123 75	
		$199 60	$199 60

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE FUND,
From and including February 19, 1880.

1880.		Dr.	Cr.
Mch 27,	By draft on Auditor		$ 500 00
May 29,	By draft on Auditor		1,000 00
May 29,	Money received for diploma		5 00
June 3,	To disbursements to date, viz:		
	Salary of Janitor	$208 33	
	Miscellaneous accounts	340 97	
	To balance	955 70	
		$1,505 00	$1,505 00

SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN HANDS OF TREASURER OF THE UNIVERSITY.

1880.		Dr.	Cr.
June 3,	Repairs and improvements fund		
	Insurance fund		$121 25
	Regent's expense		
	Balance of the fund in State Treasury, viz:		
	For year ending September 30, 1879		89 31
	For year ending September 30, 1880		500 00
	Salary of teachers' fund		440 31
	Library fund		316 67
	Painting tin roof fund		123 75
	Current and contingent expense fund		955 70
	Endowment fund		653 50
	Furniture fund overdrawn	$62 19	
		$62 19	$2,611 18

BALANCE IN HANDS OF R. C. BERKELEY, BOOK AGENT OF UNIVERSITY.

1880.		
June 3.	Cash	$ 2 38
	Value of books on hand as per invoice	253 40

A general statement furnished by Prof. Berkeley to the Executive Committee, and by it referred, with the bills, receipts, and vouchers accompanying the same, to P. H. Keck, John I. Harvey and John J. Brown, and by them marked "O," together with their report thereon, will be furnished to the Board by its Secretary.

The committee report the resources of the University from all sources from 2d June, 1879, to 3d June, 1880:

1879.		
June 2,	Aggregate of balances	$3,420 68
June 27,	Draft on insurance appropriation	800 00
June 27, July 24,	Regents' expense fund	410 69
	Tuition fees to 19th February, 1880	739 79
	Interest on endowment to 19th February, 1880	6,475 70
	Salary (Major Snider) refunded	100 00
	Drafts on Auditor from appropriations 6th March, 1879	6,000 00
	Tuition fees, third term	387 67
	Draft on Auditor	2,100 00
	Interest on Endowment	82 10
	Draftt on Auditor (Library)	500 00
	Two-thirds contingent fees and fines	214 39
	Drafts on Auditor, current and contingent fund	1,500 00
	Diploma fee $5, and interest to date on $653 50, endowment fund, $6 53	11 53
		$22,242 55

which has been disbursed as shown in the foregoing reports, leaving an aggerate summary of balances as therein set forth of $2,611.18 in the hands of the Treasurer of the University, and belonging to the respective Funds as herein before indicated, and remaining subject to the orders of the Executive Committee, and the Furniture Fund overdrawn $62.19. As the foregoing report is directed to be made to the Board of Regents, and to be submitted to said board at its annual meeting in June—it cannot embrace the receipts and disbursements of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1880—but shows only the condition of the finances of the University for the current year extending from the 2d day of June, 1879, to the 3d day of June, 1880. Respectfully submittted,

JOHN J. BROWN.
JOHN I. HERVEY.
P. H. KECK,

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., June 3, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. W. Lorentz, *Treasurer, in Account with West Virginia University.*

Dr. | Cr.

Date.		Amount.	Date.		Amount.
1879.					
June 7	To balance last report	$ 3,420 68		By amount disbursed upon orders of the Executive Committee	$19,568 56
June 14	To cash received from J. V. Martin for Dip	5 00		By amount paid for five per ct. U. S. bonds, per voucher	5,125 00
June 27	To 5-20 U. S. bonds redeemed by U. S.	5,000 00			
June 27	To interest on $5,000 bonds redeemed by U S	149 22			
June 27	To draft on Auditor	241 70			
July 8	To interest on $103,000 currency 6s	3,090 00			
July 8	To draft on Auditor	300 00			
July 24	To draft on Auditor	168 99			
Sept. 20	To amount refunded by T. F. Snyder	50 00			
Sept. 20	To Tuition fees for Fall term	473 20			
Sept. 20	To int. on $778.50, part of endowment, May 1 to July 2, 1879	11 68			
Oct. 3	To draft on Auditor	4,500 00			
Oct. 17	To draft on Auditor	500 00			
Dec. 20	To draft on Auditor	1,500 00			
1880.					
Jan. 3	To interest on $103,000 currency 6s	3,090 00			
Jan. 9	To interest on $5,000 fiveper cent bonds	62 50			
Jan. 27	To amount refunded by T. F. Snyder	50 00			
Feb. 2	To interest on $5,000 five per cent. bonds	62 50			
Feb. 2	To Tuition for Winter term	414 25			
Feb. 2	To Tuition for Spring term	434 00			
April 1	To draft on Auditor	500 00			
April 17	To draft on Auditor	1,500 00			
May 6	To interest on $5 000 five per cent bonds	62 50			
May 18	To draft on Auditor	600 00			
May 18	To additional Tuition Spring term	17 00			
May 18	To fines received from John I. Harvey	3 40			
May 18	To int. on $653 50, part endowment, July 2, '79, to June 2, '80	35 93			
May 31	To draft on Auditor	1,000 00		By balance	2,548 99
		$27,242 55			$27,242 55

To the Board of Regents of the West Virginia University:

I have the honor to submit the foregoing report of all moneys received and disbursed by me as Treasurer of the West Virginia University, for the year ending June ——, 1880.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Lorentz, *Treasurer.*